

Thi saa har Gud elsket
Verden, at han gav sin
Søn, den enbaarne, for at
hver den som tror paa
ham, ikke skal fortabes,
men have evigt Liv.

HYRDEN

Jeg er den gode hyrde. Joh. 10, 11.

Den som tror paa ham
bliver ikke dømt; den som
ikke tror, er allerede dømt
fordi han ikke har troet
paa Guds enbaarne Søns
Navn.

11te aargang.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, December, 1935

Nr. 12

Glædelig Jul, et Godt og Velsignet Nytaar tilønskes alle Hyrden's Læsere

JULEDAG

av
Past.or R. Dahle-
Melsæther
"Se, jeg forkynder eder
en stor glede".
(Lk. 2:10)

"Forferdes ikke! Se, jeg forkynder eder en stor glede, som skal vederfares alle folk: Eder er idag en frelser føtt, som er herren Kristus, i Davids stad". Ja, slik lød englebudskapet hin hellige jule-natt, og det var isandhet et gledelig budskap, ikke bare for hyrdene derute paa markene, som holdt nattevakt over sin hjord, men ogsaa for Israel i sin helhet og for den hele menneskehet. Og jeg skulde ønske at jeg kunde faa alle, som leser disse linjer til aa gle sig slik som disse hyrdene gjorde den natten. Kan du tenke dig noget herligere budskap enn dette: eder er idag en frelser føtt! Og Gud gi at dette budskap finner gjenklang ogsaa i vaare hjerter, slik at vi riktig forstaar at denne Frelser virkelig tilhører oss — oss syndige mennesker.

Men si mig nu: hvis Gud fortalte dig at han vilde opfylde ditt høieste ønske for denne julehøitid, hvad vilde du saa be ham om? Hvad vilde fylle ditt hjerte med den største glede? Skaffe dig din helbred tilbake og mig saa mange penge at jeg for bestandig blir fri for næringssorg, det vilde være det beste budskap for mig. Du ærgjerrige vilde kanskje be om kundskap eller dette og hint, som kunde sette dig paa ærens høie tinde. Det vilde for dig være det rette gledesbudskap. Du som er sykkelig og lidende vilde kanskje si, at kunde noen bringe dog et middel, som kunde skaffe dig din helbred tilbake og garantere at du aldri mere skulde bli syk, — ja, det vilde riktig være en kjær julegave for dig. Du sørgende, som sørger over en tapt ektefelle, en sønn eller datter, en bror eller søster — vilde kanskje be om aa faa din kjære tilbake, og si at det vilde være den største glede for dig. Vell, kjære venn, jeg vil ikke gaa irette med dig for disse og liknende ønsker; men jeg vil kun spørre: Alle disse glæder, om du fikk dine ønsker oppfylt, — kunde de erstatte din Frelser, din Forløser fra synden, din Forsoner med Gud, din Saliggjører i tid og evighet? Selv om du arvet millioner, selv om du fikk aldri saa mange æresmedaljer, selv om du var sundheten selv, — er du dog ikke allikevel et fattig, syndig menneskebarn, som fattes det som endog alle jordens riker og deres herligheter ikke kan skaffe tilveie; nemlig: en Frelser fra synden og syndeskyld? Der henger jo ogsaa dette Damoklessverd over ditt hode: Guds vrede over synden! — Og hvem skal fri dig fra den? Kan rikdom og ære eller andre jordiske ting? Nei, nei, og atter nei. Det kann alene Jesus Kristus, Frelseren!

Men før du riktig kan fatte og forstaa litt av denne menneskehetens største glede: Eder er idag en frelser føtt! saa maa du først ha erfaret hvad synden er: synden og dødsfrykt.

Du, som har erfaret dette, til dig

lyder det idag: Frykt ikke! ti se, jeg forkynner eder en stor glede, — eder er idag en frelser føtt! Hør dette! Julen er kommet med solhverv for hjertene bange!

For en stor glede!

Men skal denne gleden bli din, maa du ta imot Frelseren. Den druknende maa ta imot livbeltet, den syke maa ta imot medisinen: m.a.o. vend om og tro paa evangeliet! Gjør alvor av — velg idag! Bli en kristen! Skjer ikke det, er du like hjelpeløs og fortapt hvor mange gange du enn hører juleevangeliet. Og det er netop feilen med verden idag. Du stenger dig selv ute fra Kristus, og allikevel gir du kristendommen skylden for at verden ikke er bedre. Du selv kaller dig nok for en kristen og du blir sint om noen kalte dig for en hedning. Du gaar nok til kirken — stundom — men det hele er bare noget utenpaa-hengt. Du taler meget og fint om broderkjærlighet og et bedre samfund, etc, etc. — men du vil ikke ha noe aa gjøre med det Guds ord, som forteller dig at roten til alt ondt er i menneske hjertet.

Helge Rode sier: "Hvemsomhelst vil opprette Guds rike hvorsomhelst — og i hele verden paa en gang, kun ikke i sitt eget hjerte". Og det er saa sandt som det er sagt. Men dit inn vil og maa Frelseren. Jesus i hjertet! Det er det verden trenger idag mere enn noe annet. Og først naar vi faar Jesus inn i hjertet kan vi faa feire en virkelig gledelig julehøitid; da først blir det ditt dette budskapet: eder er idag en frelser føtt! Vil du eie denne gledelige julehøitid? Ja, du sørgende, bedrøvede, lengtende menneskesjel sier visst gjerne "Ja". Men du kolde, likeglade materialist, du lettlevende levemann, du spotter, — gaar ogsaa der med dette "Ja" dypest der inne i ditt arme, forpinte hjerte. Dette "Ja" er det beste i dig. Og i dette ligger det eneste haap du har for frelse. Stans nu denne hellige julekveld. Og naar minnene og alt det beste i dig vil komme frem i sjelen, tenk dig om. Finn frem dette "Ja" og si det til Jesus, og du skal faa erfare englesangen ogsaa i ditt hjerte. Det vil da ogsaa gaa op for dig hvor stort det er dette julebudskapet: Eder er idag en Frelser føtt! Og da vil sorgen

bli lettet og sukket forstumme. Du har faatt en frelser, som har bragt himlen, saligheten og det tapte Paradis ned til jorden.

Det som skjeddde hin jule-natt, har munken Ansgard forklart slik: Guds sønn byttet plass med oss. Paulus sier det slik: Han blev fattig for aa gjøre oss rike. — Men dette kan ikke forklares, det kan blot erfares.

Og du som lenge har vært en troende, du vil visst være enig med mig og si: Ja, dette er isandhet en stor glede at en Frelser blev føtt for mig, ja, det var den største glede som kunde vederfares mig. Men i hele sitt omfang kan jo ikke vi menneskebarn fatte dette her paa jorden.

Den kristne har mange juledager. Og selv om enn motgang og prøvelser møter oss, saa har vi denne store julegleden: Eder er idag en frelser føtt. Og da blir det lyst selv der hvor det ellers synes aa være mørkt; for Jesus han er Lyset, Veien, Sandheten og Livet.

I julen 1799, sat der to menn i aresten i Trondhjem, Norge. Det var juleaften, og juleaften i datidens fengsler var nok ikke rar. Der var nok ikke meget av lys eller varme eller festpynt. Men disse to fanger, som sat der, var innsatt fordi de uten hjemmel i loven hadde talt evangeliet rundt omkring hvor de ferdedes. Men de eiet en glede, som verden ikke kunde ta fra dem, de hadde erfaret sandheten av Jesu ord: I verden skal I ha trengsler, men vær frimodige, jeg har overvunnet verden. De hadde den sande juleglede, gleden over at de stod i naade hos Gud. Derfor skrev ogsaa H. N. Hauge denne julekvelden en salme som begynner slik:

"Jeg er hos Gud i naade, hvad skader verden mig".

Maatte du ogsaa kunne si det samme, selv naar denne korte juletid, som vi nu gaar inn i, er over og forbi: Jeg er hos Gud i naade. Og hvis du ikke tidligere har erfaret det: Maatte det skje!

R. Dahle-Melsæther.

HILSEN FRA PASTOR AKRE OG FAMILIE TIL VENNER I CANADA

Nu nærmer sig vor julefest og vi vil gjennem "Hyrden" faa sende en hilsen til alle vore venner i Canada

og ønske eder alle en Glædelig Jul og et Godt Nytaar!

Vi har meget at glæde os over, men der er en gave som overgaar alle andre, den gave Gud gav da han gav os sin eneste, elskelige Søn til julegave. Alle som tar imot Jesus som sin Frelser gir Gud makt til at bli hans barn, de som tror paa hans navn og blir fød av Gud.

Julen minder os om Jesu komme til vor jord og om Guds kjærlighet til os. Se, hvor stor kjærlighet Faderen har vist os, at vi skal kaldes Guds barn; og det er vi. 1 Joh. 3, 1.

Atter tolker vi vor glæde og takker Gud ved at synge vore kjære julesalmer. "Jeg er saa glad hver julekveld; ti da blev Jesus født. Da lyste stjernen som en sol. Og engle sang saa sødt, Og engle sang saa sødt!"

Maa Gud gi eder alle en Glad Jul i Jesu navn! Ma Herrens herlighet omstraale eder indtil I alle er hjemme hos ham!

Vi bor nu i Robbinsdale, Minnesota, 3917 W. Broadway, U.S.A. Vi lever vel med hilsen. Vore tanker gaar ofte tilbake til eder, vore venner deroppe i Canada. Herren styrke eder i arbeidet for sit rike til manges frelse!

Eders,

J. J. Akre og familie.

AARSMØTET I CAMROSE.

Først vil jeg si tak til pastor Urness fordi han aapent og ærligt har lagt frem det som laa ham paa hjerte — Jeg forstaar saa inderlig vel, at det var tungt og saart for ham under møtet — (at se ret og retferdighet aldeles sat tilside. — Red.) — og jeg undres ikke paa det-Flere saa saken i samme lys som ham og de hadde vel ret til det-Selv var jeg enig med ham i at vi burde ha faat en formand valgt av de prester vi har her i Canada. Vi har vistnok flere dygtige, ærlige og opriktige prester her i destriktet, som i troskap baade mot Gud og os, vilde ha tjent i den stilling — Og Gud, vet vi, kan ofte i rigt maal velsigne det som synes at være ringe og smaat i menneskers øine — Det tror jeg ogsaa Han vilde ha gjort denne gang om vi under bøn om hjelp fra ham hadde valgt en av vore egne prester som formand. Uten ydmyg og ærlig bøn til Gud og hengivenhet til ham, nytter det lite — Det samme hvem vi faar til formand.

Møtet i Camrose.

I mange henseende var det igrund et godt møte — Meget kom frem der som kan bli til velsignelse og hjelp for os om vi, ved Guds hjelp, tar det paa rette maate — Det er det — det kommer an paa — Jeg liker svært godt naar folk har mot, ærlighet og opriktighet nok til at komme frem for lyset med det som ligger dem paa hjerte — Det liker jeg og sætter pris paa — Og ganske meget kam frem ved møtet i C. Det gav os lys over stillingen her i destriktet — Og det er netop lys — mere lys — vi trenger mest av alt. —

Stillingen som jeg ser den — Er langt fra at være lys — Folket har kjempet tapert i disse haarde tider —

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Hjemme til Jul. Ved jul drages tankerne til hjemmet mer end nogen anden tid av aaret. Kære læser kjender du til nogen som er langt fra sit hjem saa vis en saadan velvilje og kjærlighet nu ved juletid saa om muligt det kan bli juleglæde selv om en saadan ikke kan komme hjem til sine kjære til jul. Indbyd dem til juletræfesten i din menighet.

Optar arbeidet. Den 2den Nov. maatte jeg paa Hospitalet igjen for at underkaste mig en 3dje operation inden et aar. Denne gang var jeg ikke syk, utførte mit arbeide og følte godt, men saakaldt "Hernia" der paakom efter operationen for "Appendicitis" sidste vaar gjorde operation nødvendig Har været hjemme et par uker. Har begyndt saa smaat med arbeidet paa kontoret. Gud være lovet og takket for alt gik saa vel.

November numret blev ordnet av min søn efter bedste evne. Muligens feil og mangler bedes unskyldt.

Meget læsestof maa ligge over. Har nok læsestof paa haand for et nummer til. Det er jo glædeligt at se saadan interesse for Hyrden. Det blir dog vanskelig for redaktøren at gjøre valg. Det gjør mig ondt at maatte utelade godt læsestof da jeg følger alle liker at se det i bladet snarest muligt. — Maa jeg atter minde om at gjøre rapporter fra møter saa korte som muligt. F. Eks opregne enkeltvis sange, læsning o.s.v. med navn og adresse paa personen er overflødig og tar meget rum i bladet.

Til overveielse hedsættes følgende fra "Forretningsføreren" for Hyrden past. B. O. Lokensgaard: "I notice in the last number that you mention an eight—page paper for the beginning of the new year and thereafter. I have spoken to quite a number of people and my personal impression is this that a four page paper issued two times a month would be better. I have two reason for this opinion. The first is that Hyrden would come oftener to the home. Many say that a month seems so long a time to wait. Many homes have no other church paper than this one, and we can easily see that a month is a long time. The second reason is this, that I believe it would be easier to gain a larger number of subscribers. Most people do not look at the size of a paper when subscribing but rather to the number of times it will come. I feel that even at fifty cents a year we could get more subscriptions having it come twice a month."

Tak skal pastor Lokensgaard ha for disse opmuntrende og betimelige ord. Jeg er fuldstændig enig med Lokensgaard. Paa en maate blir det mere arbeide for redaktøren men noget lettere ved at der blir ikke saa meget at gjennomgaa og ordne paa en gang. Et blad der utkommer to gange om maanden i størrelse som nu er at foretrekke fremfor et 8 siders blad maanetlig. Hvad synes du?

Men kan det la sig gjøres? Ja vis alle tar fat med at faa abonnenter. Lokensgaard sier: "35 nye abonnenter kom i Nov." La det bli hundreder nu i Dec. saa vil bladet snart komme to gange i maaneden.

Hyrden i hvert hjem!

— U.

Vore menigheter, tror jeg, har anstrengt sig til det ypperste for og haalde fast ved det de har — Og prestene — Gud velsigne hver enkelt av dem! — kjemper en fortvilet kamp — for at alt muligt kan bli

gjort i arbeidet for Guds rigets fremme — sekterne angriper fra mange kanter vore menigheter og paa grund av de haarde tider er det mange som falder fra — de kan eller vil ikke mer og indtægterne blir ofte slik at flere av prestene ikke vet sin arme raad — Men alikevel prøver man det bedste en kan saalænge der gives anledning — Gud alene vet hvor mørkt det ofte er i flere av vore prestehjem her i Canada. —

Valget av formand.

Det var ingen let sak for komiteen — Og det glæder mig meget at meget av tiden blev brukt til bøn til vor far, som er i Himmelen — Tak skal komiteen ha for det! — Det viser ialfald, for mig, at møtet valgte de rette mænd — Saa var det manden. — Hvem skal vi bringe frem? Hvem er det Gud vil ha i denne stilling? Man bad til Gud — tænkte — talte og handlet — 3 mændes navn bli sat paa listen — Deres navn bli nævnt — Hvad svarte saa Gud paa deres bøn? Enhver som var tilstede vet det — Dr. Bergsaker var ikke manden — Det samme hvor dygtig han var i vor øine og opfatning — Han skulde simpelthen være der han er — Og saadan med de andre som blev nævnt endtil endelig Dr. Lavik blev foreslaet og valgt — Venner — la os være saa enfoldige og tro at Dr. Lavik var Guds svar paa alle de bønner som er blit opsendt til Naadens trone angaaende denne sak — Eller er det saa at Gud hører os ikke langere? Er vi kommet saa langt bort ifra ham at han simpelthen vil la os seile vor egen skjø — som man sier? Nei vi tror ikke det — Gud elsker os fremdeles og han vil saa gjerne faa velsigne os — Men — venner la os ydmyke os under hans vældige haand — la os bli smaa i vore egne øine og trange inderlig nær ind til vor store og gode far i Himlen og arbeide i enighet, tro og kjærlighet — Saa vil Gud velsigne os og hans store navn skal bli æret og priset. — Dr. Lavik er valgt og det enstemmig — Vi alle stemte for ham — Saa har vi ogsaa vor del av ansvaret like over for ham og Gud — Glem ikke det — La os ta os god tid og være stille for Gud og tænke over dette ansvar — Vi skal svare for Gud engang og saa hvad denne sak angaar — Lavik har antat kallet for 2 aar — Efter Nytaar vil han tiltræde sit embede — Og han skal i Guds navn, være velkommen til Canada destrikt!

Hvad skal saa vi gjøre?

Først av alt — La os takke Gud fordi han har hørt vore bønner. Lavik er en god mand — og i mange henseende en meget dygtig mand som Gud visselig kan bruke til megen velsignelse iblandt os-Men-det kommer næst an paa os prester og menighetsfolk om Laviks store gjerning skal lykkes iblandt os-Derfor-la os be meget til Gud — ikke alene for Lavik — men først og fremst for os selv — vore menigheter og for vore prester og arbeidere baade i Søndagsskolen, Ungdomsforeninger og ellers for alle de gjøremaal som foregaar i vort destrikt — Gud hører fremdeles bønner — naar vi ber i sandhet og oprettighet — Og la os dernæst arbeide — først og fremst paa vor egen Saliggjørelse med frygt og bæven — og dernæst — gjøre det bedste vi kan — der hvor Gud har sat os. Da skal Guds gjerning iblandt os lykkes — Og Lavik — og vi med ham — bli velsignet baade for tid og evighet.

C. L. Dalseide.

HYRDEN — TIL — JULEGAVE

Fra Arbeidsmarken Vor.

Swift Current Kreds Høstmøte.

"Hermed var et godt kredsmøte avsluttet" saa rapoterer Past. I. O. Thvedt som var midlertidig sekreter. Møte holdtes i Bethel mgh. Past. O. J. Markens kald, Oct. 25—27. Bethel er ca. 20 mil nord fra Swift Current, Sask.

Evangelist Arne Nyheim aapnet møte i det han talte over II Pet. 5, 6—11. Pastor O. O. Haugen som ogsaa reiser som evangelist var ogsaa med os. Av kredsens prester var I. O. Thvedt og O. J. Marken tilstede.

Andre som tok del i samtalen var Gerhard Ostrem som betjener Kyle kaldet, Mr. A. B. Solberg, og Past. Benjamin Ostrem fra Wetaskiwin, Alta. som var paa besøk.

Lørdag eftermiddag hadde kvindernes missionsforbund møte. Ved kredsmøtets forretning blev det besluttet at bevilge \$10.00 til Hyrden ifølge anbefalingen fra Aarsmøte i Camrose.

Søndag f. m. var nadverdsgudstjeneste, og prediken av Past. O. O. Haugen.

Takker Herren ti Han er god, og Hans miskundhet varrer ivindelig. G. J. O.

Vi hadde et meget kjærkommet besøk av Canadas Distrikt Finance Sekretær pastor G. Ostrem av Admiral, Sask. paa Søndag 27. Oct. Han talte først i North Prairie menighet paa form. og i Poplar Grove menighet, Ketchen paa eftermiddag og om aftningen i St. Johannes menighet i Preeceville.

Det var godt at faa høre og at faa være sammen med Ostrem. Herren's sak laa ham inderlig paa hjerte, det forstod vi alle, og gav ogsaa folket her en øket tilskyndelse til at være med efter bedste evne at yde til kirkens forskjellige gjøremaal. Offer blev tat op i North Prairie og Poplar Grove menighet. I St. Johannes blev offer optat Søndagen forut paa konfirmations dagen.

—P. C. Haaland.

OUTLOOK COLLEGE.

Livet paa Skolen gaar sin vante gang. Vi er nu saa smaat begyndt at tænke paa julen. I fristunderne drøftes ofte hvordan vi skal komme hjem til jul. Men ind imellem maa der jo arbeides. Vi har meget at lære endnu før jule-eksamenen, saa det gaar med slit og adspredelse. Vor Luther League har hat gode møter i den svundne maaned. Søndag, den 17de November var Pastor B. W. Tait her. Det er presten i Kanada's Forenede kirke i Outlook. Han fortalte meget interessant om sine erfaringer som fængselsprest i Chicago. Vi mindedes Jesu ord, "Jeg var i fængsel og i besøkte mig". Gud's klærlighet blev ligesom mere virkelig for os. Ogsaa bønnemøtene hver torsdags kveld har været godt besøkt. Jeg tror vi maa glæde os over at der er nogen hørelst blant studentene. Maatte Guds aand faa lov til at virke frit iblant os saa at mange sjæle maa finne freden i Gud.

Vi glæder os over skolen, og det heltemodige eksempel vore lærere viser ved at ta deres opgaver saa alvorlig selv om vi er saa faa paa skolen. Maatte mange flere unge være med os her efter nytaar; være med og lære, være med og bære skolen frem i bøn.

—John Precht.

NORSK BROADCAST.

Skulde du ønske at høre de vakre og aandsrike norske salmer over din radio saa maa du "tune-in" pa CFCN Calgary, Alta., hver søndag klokken 10:30 aften. Mange har bedt om en Norsk Gudstjeneste over radioen. Nu er vi saa stillet her i Calgary at vi kan bringe vort folk et budskap i sang og tale over CFCN dersom du som læser disse ord vil hjelpe til med pengemidlerne. Vi ber ikke om store gaver, men dersom du med andre vil hjelpe, saa vil ogsaa her bli sandt det ordsprog: "Mange bække smaa gjør en stor aa!"

Fru Rorvik; som graderte fra St. Olaf College, og som var medlem av det berømte St. Olaf Kor. er sangerinden for vor "broadcast". Hun er begavet med en ualmindelig vakker radio stemme. Hun vil synge dine sange, bare send ind beskje om hvilke sange du ønsker. Dersom du er interessert i denne "broadcast" vil du sende et brev og si det Adresse: "Scandinavian Vesper Hour" c. f. CFCN Calgary eller: Pastor J. O. Jovaag 202—8th St. W.

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Distriktets Evangelister: Past. O. O. Haugen og Arne Nyheim virker for nærværende i Swift Current

Kreds.

Confirmation services where held in Beaver Creek Luth. Congregation, Ratner, Sask. past. A. M. Vinge's charge on Sunday Nov. 24th. 9 were confirmed. Also confirmation services in Bethel Congregation on Sunday Dec. 1st 3 were confirmed.

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Take note of the following resolution: **Resolved that we, the W.M.F. of the Saskatoon Circuit, especially during the difficult period through which Outlook College is now passing assure the directors and faculty of our hearty moral support and, as far as possible, of our financial aid.** Mrs. J. Danielson. Mrs. B. O. Lokensgaard. (Other W.M.F. go thou and do likewise. Ed.)

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The season of Gifts is here again. A year's subscription to "Hyrden" is a welcome and appreciated gift. Think of some one who would enjoy just such a gift and send your subscription immediately. The Christmas number will be sent to your friend.

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Two Luther Leagues have responded well to our subscription drive. One sends in twelve new subscribers, and more coming. The other one has sent in twelve also, eleven of them being new ones. Other subscriptions have been sent by individuals who have kindly solicited them. We wish to thank all who have helped in this way and encourage others to do likewise. Let us make December the Banner Month. for Hyrden.

B. O. L.

HYRDEN IN EVERY HOME!

THE PENSION FUND

At the general convention in 1934 the Church considered the matter of the Pension Fund very carefully. The convention came to the conclusion that \$80,000 was needed from the congregations for Pensions in 1935.

To date only a small percent of this sum has come in and we are soon at the close of the fiscal year.

Many of the pastors who are unable to continue in the service of the Church any longer are now in great need. They have been faithful servants. Then there are the pastors' widows who have also served the Church faithfully and are now dependent on the Pension Fund for their livelihood.

Do you and I want these faithful servants to suffer want? It is not necessary if all of us do a little to help them.

The congregations, through their representatives at the convention, promised them \$80,000.00. Let us make our promise good. Now is the time to do it.

—A. J. Bergsaker.

THE BOOK IN THE WINDOW

By Beatrice A. Amphlet

A Christmas Story for Father, Mother, Big Sister and Brother

"Daddy".

"Yes."

"Are you very busy?"

"I am rather, Dennis."

There was a pause, and then:

"I did want to ask you a question."

The father a little reluctantly laid down his pen and turned to the speaker at his side. As he did so a look of pride and love stole into his eyes, for his was a boy of whom any father might be proud. Such soft brown hair and bright eyes, with cheeks just a little flushed with eagerness. What a perfect little figure he made in his brown knitted jersey and velvet knickers! And for all his seven years, there was still a baby look about his face.

"Well, let's have the question."

"What's Christmas really, daddy?"

His father's face changed, the lips drew into a straight line.

"Who has been talking to you about Christmas?"

"Oh, my friend Philip at school

talks about it, and the other boys, and they all seem to know, so I pretended I did, but I don't really and truly. Will you tell me about it?"

"Oh, it generally comes about this time of the year, and people give each other presents."

"We didn't have Christmas when we were in Africa did we? I'm glad you've finished having that old railway made and come to England. Mother and I were rather lonely at the bungalow when you were away; we were so far from the town. I think I shall like Christmas. We must have missed lots of good things out there."

The words were truer than he knew. Again he spoke:

"And, daddy, I wonder why people give each other presents. If—if anyone ever wanted to give me a present, I know what I should like."

"Oh—what?"

He leaned a little closer against his father's knee and, looking up in-

the heart.

Let us read again Christ's statement, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." The pure in heart shall see God. If our vision of God is fading and we find ourselves indifferent to God's work, let us search our own hearts first. Too frequently we place the responsibility upon others, thinking they have discouraged us or hindered us in one way or another. Christ would have us look into our own lives.

The heart is like a window. If it be frosted, we cannot see through it. It is like the clear sky above. If clouds come floating by, they intercept our vision of the sun. Sinful living will intercept our sight of God. We must guard against the harbouring of evil thoughts and desires. We must learn to recognize evil practices, for they react upon ourselves.

As we look about in our present-day society we find many indications of a vision that is lost. We live in an age of plenty, and there is starvation. Men and women everywhere are overworked, and there is unemployment. Young people are prepared for life-work, and there are no openings; yet there is much to be done. Happy homes are broken. Society is being demoralized. Christian churches are not only finding their funds low, but worse than that, the membership is small. A spirit of restlessness disturbs our peace.

Why all this? God has abundantly blest us. We have greater powers today to produce the things that are necessary for physical happiness than mankind has ever had before, and still we are living in a paradoxical period. Is it not plainly evident that Christ's simple statement points the way out? Society is perishing, because individuals are perishing. Vision of God is gone.

To see God means more than merely to behold with the physical eye. Seeing is akin to knowing. I see my father as a kind and lovable man because I know him. I see in him sincerity and a passion for the saving of souls, because I have lived with him. It is so with respect to God. Only those who know Him, and only those who live with Him truly see Him as Father.

Why do we not see God? Because we do not know Him. Why do we not know Him? We allow sinful practices to continue in our personal and public lives. We refuse to recognize evil; our eyes have become blinded, and we perish. We have gone to other fountains for cleansing, forgetting that Christ Jesus alone can cleanse our hearts from all impurities. When we accept Christ we shall know God, and our vision will save us, for blessedness in its essence is salvation.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:3.

Written by
Professor Harold G. Ronning,
Camrose Lutheran College.

JESUS GAVE ALL

The Word and Promise of God are more enduring than mighty mountains. When earth is shaken and rent the heaven, this one foundation remains.

In Luke 6, 38 Jesus gives us the promise of "PRESSED DOWN RUNNING OVER" measure in return for gifts. "Give" He shouted to the multitude on the hillside, "give" and it shall be given unto you". Lay hold on this promise. It shall not fail. The world will pass away, but not the promise of God.

JESUS GAVE ALL FOR US.

You think it does not pay? Would you rather have the thirty pieces of silver burn through your heart? Would you betray your Master by saying: I do not believe your promise in Luke 6, 38 Jesus, You can't fulfil such a promise. I don't believe it. Ah friends, churches, congregations, do you also betray your Master in your giving? God will find other places for His blessing to rest. He does not require unwilling service. He wants willing, faithful, trusting service. And the greatest promises are fulfilled when He speaks, for once spoken, they cannot fail. The universe would crumble, seasons fail, and hearts of men be lost indeed. But God lives; He cannot be mocked or betrayed.

HIS KINGDOM MARCHES ON.

Will you be along? Will you be there? Will you have your "sheaves" with you? Will you prove His promise? Contribute your portion to His work and keep the blessing.

Act, and act quickly. Workers are ready to be sent out. The souls of men are dying—one each moment without Christ. Are you sure you can wash your hands of them as you withhold your contributions that would bring the glad tidings to others?

At this blessed Christmas season, rejoice in Christ and again I say rejoice. Make Christ the center of Christmas and the center of your life. He gives you joy. Joy that will uphold even though you must go through a twenty-two months' shadow of death as did the missionary "lone man of God", Bert Nelson.

—Josef B. Haave.

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We asked Mr. Haave to write the above article in the interest of the Budget ingathering. Do not only read it, but re-read it. And ponder the content as in the very presence of God. May God give us a vision; and willing hearts and hands to act.

—G. J. O.

Blessed are the pure in heart:
for they shall see God."

Matt. 5:8.

There are times in the lives of Christians when vision of God vanishes. There are times when interest in Christian service diminishes. Feelings of anxiety come into

to his face, replied:

"I saw it in a window in Finchley Road when I was coming from school. It's a book, and it was open like this"—and he put his little palms side by side to imitate the open book. "And," he continued, pointing to his left palm, "there was a picture this side."

Just then the door opened and his mother came into the room. She would have spoken but, seeing the boy so intent on what he was saying, waited to hear him.

"There was a picture," went on the boy, "of a man not dressed a bit like you, daddy, nor like the men who worked for you in Africa. And there were grown-up people in the picture as well, and lots of children. One was an the man's knee. There was some reading under the picture, but I couldn't read the first word so I asked a man standing by the shop door, and he said it was 'suffer'. Suffer the little children to come unto me (Luke 18:16)—that's what it said. What does 'suffer' mean?"

"Oh, 'allow' or 'let,' or something like that!"

"Then that would mean 'Let the little children come unto me.' He must have been some one kind. What would He be, do you think?"

His father did not answer but raised his eyes to his wife's face, and it was she who answered the boy's question.

"He was," she hesitated, and then went on: "He is a kind man, I think. But go and play now, dear, and let daddy get on with his writing."

He went obediently towards the door and then paused.

"I should love that book; the man said it was called 'The Bible'."

Then he left them, closing the door behind him.

Only seven days had come and gone since that conversation between father and son, and what a change had come in the house! No little eager face peering round the study door, no little feet running here, there and everywhere. But in a room upstairs there was a little sufferer fighting for breath. The doctor had just gone. "No improvement," he had said. The pneumonia was taking its course. The nurse, with tender, kindly face watched her little patient. Her heart ached for the mother who sat beside him, white and still.

At the opening of the door Dennis turned his head and tried to smile at his father, who came softly to his bedside.

"Daddy," he said with difficulty, "is it nearly Christmas yet? You haven't forgotten about the book, have you? I'd love to see that picture." A fit of coughing prevented his saying more.

Yes, it was nearly Christmas, and his father had forgotten about the book. But the book was one he had said he would never have in his house again when, many years ago, he had lost his faith. Yet for his boy's sake he knew he must break that vow.

"I'll fetch it now, my precious," he whispered, and without another word he turned and left the room, went hurriedly downstairs, and was soon standing before the shop window where he guessed the book would be displayed. Yes, there it was—right in the front. Standing there he could almost imagine the window-pane dimmed by the breath of his boy as he pressed closer to see the picture better. His whole frame shook as he thought of him now.

He entered the shop and spoke to the man behind the counter.

"You have a book in the window. It's—it's a Bible with pictures in."

"Yes, sir, it's like this one, I expect," said the man, reaching another from a shelf.

"I'd rather have the one from the window, if you can get it."

"Certainly, sir." He reached for it and handed it across for his customer's inspection.

"Yes, that's the one. I'll take it."

"It's a splendid Bible for children," said the man as he wrapped it up. "I had a fine little boy here a week or so ago looking at it through the window. I was by the door and he spoke to me about it."

"How much is it?" asked the

father quickly.

"Three dollars, sir. These illustrated Bibles are expensive."

"That's all right. I'm in rather a hurry," he said, as he handed the man the money.

"Thank you, sir. The Bible is a wonderful book; there is none other like it," the man ventured to remark. "Good-evening," the father replied, hastening from the shop. It was not long before he was back, carrying the parcel upstairs and laying it on the bed by his boy.

"Open it please, daddy. I'm so tired," whispered a weak little voice.

When the book was removed from its wrappings he gazed at it.

"Thank you. Where's the picture?" came the question.

The father turned the pages until he found it, and then held it up for him to see.

"Isn't it lovely? And for my very own?"

His father nodded, and said: "Yes, darling."

"Thank you so much, daddy," and he held up his lips for a kiss.

The boy lay quiet, with one little hand on the book. Very soon he dropped off to sleep.

Another week had passed, and now there were smiles where there had been tears.

It was Christmas Eve.

The doctor had said that morning that there was decided improvement and every sign of recovery.

"Nurse," called a little voice that was certainly stronger than a week ago, "Is that mother on the landing? Will you tell her I want her, please?" Nurse opened the door and looked out.

"No. It's your father, dear."

"Oh, is it? Daddy," he called in a yet louder voice, "Come here."

The summons was quickly obeyed.

"You have never looked properly at my lovely book. There are lots more pictures, and nurse knows all about that one I love best. The man's name is Jesus, and we can pray to Him. And nurse has prayed for me. Isn't she kind, daddy?"

The nurse had turned away and was busy at the table near the window.

"I want you to take this book downstairs and have a good look at it with mother. She'd like to see it, too, I expect."

"All right; thank you, old boy. I will," and, picking up the book, he took it with him out of the room.

Late that night he sat with it upon his knee before the fire. His wife, busy with her sewing, had not noticed what he had in his hands until he opened it and began turning the pages. The leaves went over almost mechanically. Then his eyes were arrested by one short sentence of the good clear type: God be merciful to me a sinner (Luke 18:13). Again and yet again he read it, until it seemed to stand out with startling vividness.

A mental picture rose before him of a stern, hard, unreasonable and often passionate man, dealing with a gang of dark-colored natives, cowed and afraid. And again other pictures of a very little boy trusting absolutely his father, who had sometimes deceived him and told him untruths. And he knew now that he had denied his boy his rightful heritage of hearing the wonderful story. He had even gone so far as to forbid him attending morning prayers or any Scripture lesson at school, much to the dismay of the headmistress. Neither he nor his wife had taught those baby lips to utter his first simple prayers or seen his eyes close in reverence. Another, and not themselves, had during these last few days enjoyed that privilege. With intense shame he thought of these things now. One more picture rose before him of an old, white-haired lady pleading with him, in tender tones, beseeching him, in vain, to return to his faith and trust in God. He saw it all and was in an agony. It was very late, but still he sat on. Then his wife's eyes met his. Seeing his face drawn in mute despair, she came and stood beside him. He pointed to the words that he had read and re-read. She understood. Together they knelt upon the hearth and repeated the old familiar prayer: "God be merciful

to me a sinner." His eyes were filled with tears, but through them shone a radiancy of peace and joy. As they still knelt the clock on the mantle-piece chimed out the midnight hour. It was Christmas morning, and for them a real Christmas dawned. **Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins** (Matt. 1:21).

—Sunlight for the Young.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

Rev. A. M. Vinge, Editor,
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MEDITATION

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" Luke 2:12.

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in Heaven."

Two signs. Two signs separated by the Gospel Age — the one ushering in the day of salvation, the other the close of that day.

Not many were sincerely concerned about the Bethlehem sign. Only among the faithful few was there thanksgiving that the "fullness of time" had come. The world was callous and indifferent. However, in the midst of the dark sentences in St. John chapter 1, "the darkness comprehended it not;" "the world knew Him not", "His own received Him not" we find the words, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." There are those in every generation that "Seek and find".

God has told us of another sign. There will be a consummation of this age. Many ask, scornfully, "Where is the promise of His coming" (II Pet. 3:4). We are living in a time of restlessness. There are Wars and rumours of wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes. There is perplexity, apostacy, lawlessness, and a rapid preparation for anti-Christ.

Stanton A. Coblenz writes these graphic words in his poem, "Christmas 1930".

We murmur, "Peace on earth — Good will to all".
And down the grayness of two-thousand years,
That cry re-echoes; while the moans and tears
Of suffering ages call and vainly call.
The fiery curtained armies charge and fall
The nations bleed on their own hurtled spears;
And still the strong, in python sly careers
Crush their weak fellows, writning to the wall.

That is a stark, tragic picture. But there is a hope that shines above the shadows. There is the sign that shall bring forth everlasting righteousness and peace.

Coblenz continues:

"Good will and peace" we urge, and far away,
In the rose vistas of a coming dawn,
We catch the plea, like a white radiance, borne
To stir all men that labor, love, and pray,
Then shall the sword and rapier be withdrawn,
And Christmas moods be moods of every day."

How we long for that. Than: God it is coming and that we can be prepared to share in it. Christ died that it should come—and that we should inherit the blessing of it. Are you prepared for it? Do you fear the sign of the consummation? He gives grace and strength to overcome.

"His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men,
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again."

COMMENTS

It is to be hoped that the sample copies of Hyrden sent to the league presidents have been well used. The reports on Hyrden have been very

encouraging, but we must not rest on past achievements. If new subscribers and renewals are secured now, it may be possible to enlarge the paper, thus making it more helpful than ever. If nothing has been done in your league in putting on a campaign — **DO NOT DELAY ANY LONGER** — select some member of the league to solicit subscriptions.

ARE You making use of "Beter Leagues"? It is full of helpful information. It is always possible to better your programs.

The Editor wishes to take this opportunity of wishing the readers God's richest blessings this Christmas Season. May the New Year also bring us closer to our Saviour.

A very successful combined Luther League meeting of the North Prairie and St. John's Leagues was held in Preeceville, Sask. on Sunday October 27. Rev. P. C. Haaland charges.

The church was filled with young people and some excellent papers on practical problems were given. The meeting was in harmony with the Crusade of Protest sponsored by the General LL Convention in Sioux Falls, S.D. or as we called it here "A Purity Crusade". The following topics were taken up:

"The Fight for Cleaner Movies by Miss Alda Romuld,
"The Christian's Stand toward Modern Dances" by Mr. Clarence Berg.
"The Christian and Temperance" by Mr. Orin Melsness.

All three of these young people are school teachers in this district and the papers that were given were of high standard intellectually as well as spiritually.

A combined choir of North Prairie and Preeceville gave us much inspiring singing in between each topic.

The collection taken up amounted to \$10.00 and was divided between the General Project of the LL work and "Search the Scripture Movement."

—P. C. Haaland.

The fall Convention of Swift Current Circuit of the Y.P.L.L. was held at Zion Church near Kyle, Oct. 17—20.

The theme of the Convention was, "Facing the World with Christ." Pastor G. J. Ostrem of Admiral delivered the opening address on the subject of "Prayer."

Pastor Haugen and Evangelist Nyheim were the special speakers. Pastor Haugen delivered the following messages: "Prayer" Luke 18:1—8. "The Young Ruler" Luk 18:18—23. "The Good Shepherd" Psalm 23, "Trusting God" II Chron. 16:9, a message on the Return of Christ, and talks to the children.

Evangelist Nyheim spoke on Eph. 2:1—10 "Salvation by Grace". He also delivered a message on John 8:36 stressing the freedom in Christ. On Sunday morning, Pastor K. O. Kandal delivered the sermon based on Matthew 22. At the communion services Pastor Haugen briefly addressed the communicants.

Others who took part in the program were the pastors, B. Ostrem, I. O. Tvedt, O. J. Marken, and the laymen, Mandius Olson, Gerhard Ostrem, and Joseph Haave.

Music added its part to these inspirational services, the singing being led by the choir of Zion church or by visiting groups from various points.

Visitors numbering about 100 were present from, Plato, Cabri, Strongfield, Swift Current, Beaver Flats, Stewart Valley, Admiral Shaunavon, Scotsguard, Frontier all of Saskatchewan, and Camrose, Wetaskiwin, and Peace River, Alberta.

From the standpoint of inspiration and instruction this was one of the most successful conventions ever held in the Swift Current Circuit.

Christmas Bible Questions

1. Which prophecy states that Christ is, "The Mighty God"?
2. Give reference for prophecy that Christ should be called Immanuel.
3. Where does it stated that Christ shall stand for an "ensign"?
4. St. John 1:1 states, "And the word as God." Which verse in chapter

Den NORSKE AMERIKALINJE.

BINDELEDDET MELLEM NORDMENN ØSTENFOR OG VESTENFOR ATLANTEREN.

Vaar norske Amerikalinje er mere enn transportselskapet, som transporterer passasjerer og gods mellom Nord-Amerika og Norge. Den er en institusjon med et renome som raadgiver og hjelper og veileder. Den ordner med innreisestillatelse til Canada og besøkreiser til det gamle land. Ved reel behandling og omhu for passasjererne setter den norske Amerikalinje alt inn paa virkelig aa være

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1 especially proves that the "Word" was Christ?

5. Give one reference where each of the following names of Christ is found: Branch, Corner-Stone, Master, Messenger, Messiah, Morning Star, Prophet, and Rock of Offence.

Correct Answers to Nov. Questions:

1. Psalm 51:7
2. Matthias, Acts 1:26
3. 37 times. (thirty-seven)
4. 11 times. (He)
5. St. John 21:11.

Correct Answers received:

Miss. Dagmar Kvalnes, Bagley, Sask.
Mr. & Mrs. Horace Johnson, Torquay,
Miss. Emma Rokke, Weldon, Sask.

Late Answers to Oct. Questions:
Carl A. Haltug, Maxim, Sask.
Erik B. R. Haave, Cameo, Sask.
Selma Skavlebo, Ordale, Sask.
Ruby C. Lawrence, Hanley, Sask.
Mr. Reuben Thompson, Ratner, Sask.
Miss. Lily Tunem, Cameo, Sask.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

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"And courage will come with His presence, and patience return with His touch, and manifold sins be forgiven to those who love Him much; And the cries of envy and anger will change to songs of cheer, For the toiling age will forget its rage when the Prince of Peace draws near."

To all friends and readers we extend the Season's heartiest greetings and wishes for a blessed Christmas-tide. — May the abounding joy that Christmas always brings abide happily with you all thru-out the New Year!

We are sorry that due to lack of space several items intended for Nov. issue had to be carried over another month.

The Board of the W.M.F. met in Minneapolis, Sept. 17—19. We wish to call the attention of all Ladies Aids to the following paragraphs from the minutes of that meeting:

The Com. on Resolutions respectfully submits the following resolutions: 1. That the following recommendations submitted by administrative Com. be adopted:

Whereas the season of Lent has been set aside by our church council for the Penny-a-Meal ingathering and we are desirous in every way possible to give our whole-hearted co-operation and support to the program of the church we recommend:

1. That the W.M.F. dispense with the use of Self-Denial envelopes during the season of Lent.

2. That an appropriate container be selected for use during the season of Thanksgiving and that this offering be divided equally between Charities and the Dept. of Christian Education.

3. That the Self-Denial and Thank-offering Deps. be combined and served by one Secretary and called the Thank-Offering secretary.

- a. That the months of Oct. and Nov. be given over to Thank-Offering.
- b. That Mission boxes be used as heretofore.

Mærk!

Bestillinger paa pastor H. Jenssens bok over Aabenbaringen sendes fra nu av til Rev. T. J. Langley, Birch Hill, Sask., og Money Orders eller Postal Notes for boken skrives paa Birch Hills P.O. Jeg vil be alle som kan at kjøpe boken; det vil gjøre enhver godt at læse hvad denne vækter paa Zions mure roper til os. Paa samme tid vil I ogsaa hjælpe Mrs. Jensen at betale det hun skylder for trykningen av boken og at faa lidt hjælp paa sine gamle dage. Gjør det. PRIS 75c. —Akre.

As the above will go into effect with the New Year, you will therefore note that the Self-Denial Sec. need be elected for your society at your annual meeting, but that one Secretary be elected to take charge of the combined Self-Denial and Thank-Offering Dept.; she will be called the Thank-offering Secretary, and the offering taken in the fall, thus leaving the Lenten season open for the Penny-a-meal ingathering sponsored by the church.

In connection with the W.M.F. report sent in by Mrs. Thvedt she reports meetings with, and organization of the L.D.R.'s of Swift Current Circuit, at Kyle on Oct. 19th, this meeting being held in connection with the Y.P.L.L. convention in session there at that time.

Miss Christine Unglene, Frontier, was elected Pres. and promoter for the Circuit. Miss Maude Idem, Stewart Valley was elected Sec. and the following girls chosen from each charge to work with their own societies: Miss. Margret Braaten, Admiral, Miss Rachel Thvedt, Cabri, and Miss Dorothy Dyrland, Kyle. We wish these women much joy and blessing in their work.

—L. B.

Another Thanksgiving day is past and surely we ladies want to do our bit in showing thankfulness by giving for the upkeep of our Christian Schools. What a privilege is ours to be permitted to have a share in such great work. Surely each member and society will give freely to Thank-offering this year! It is to remembered that each congregation receives credit on its budget by each contribution marked "Thank-offering" and sent to the General Treasurer, Dr. H. O. Shurson, 425 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis, Minn. The Circuit Thank-offering secretaries are urged to bear the responsibility of bringing before the ladies aids this challenge in their respective circuits. Let us make it a "real" thank-offering.

Mrs. A. M. Vinge, Dist. T. O. Secretary.

W. M. F. meeting was held in Bethel church Rev. Markens charge Oct. 19. Song "Break Thou the Bread of Life," scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Thvedt, Duet Rachel Thvedt and Ruby Martenson: "Living for Jesus."

Talk: "The Bible," by Mrs. Thvedt. Duet by the Ostrem brothers: "There is a dear and precious Book."

Reading "Four Hundred years of the Printed English Bible," by Miss. Eidem. Lecture: "Why the Bible," by Rev. B. Ostrem. The session closed by singing: "Thy Word of God our Heritage." Mrs. Thvedt.